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Mister Trotzky of Russia is too abrupt in giving the entente allies two months in which to make peace. Moreover, there is no assurance that Mister Trotzky will be above ground by that time.

It must have been an easy matter for the Unitarians and Universalists of Brattleboro to get together for union services during the remainder of the winter. Possibly the two denominations may stay together after they have once tried the experiment.

The story that the United States navy has concluded its recruiting work may not be the development of a pro-German but it might well be, because, as a matter of fact, the navy department has not stopped recruiting but is anxious to push the enlistments just as fast as ever.

That Madison, Ill., factory which has been forced to suspend work because of the cancellation of an order for 6,500 steel cars for the Russian government ought not to be compelled to remain idle very long. There is business enough in the United States for every factory with reasonably good facilities for turning out work.

While the other towns of the state are not yet ready to yield the palm to Lyndonville they are willing to admit that Lyndonville is one of the most progressive communities in the state when it comes to patriotic service. The little town's record of 800 new Red Cross members in the first four days of the present drive is remarkably good.

The sentimentalists who were stirred because any opposition had arisen to Dr. Karl Muck, leader of the Boston Symphony orchestra, have something else to worry them, now that the United States department of justice has forbidden Muck and his German musicians to give a concert in the national capital. The latest development shows that the early protestants against Muck were not entirely in the wrong, for the national department of justice does not take such a step, as it has taken, without due consideration of the merits of the case.

The statements in the letters of Vermont soldiers writing home from France rather bear out the contention that they know less about the general progress of the war than do the American people who are at home. For instance, there seems to be a conviction among the soldiers that there will be a prompt ending of the war; but that position is not borne out by the developments in Russia, where the collapse of the military machine has enabled Germany to mass great numbers of troops against the allied soldiers on the western front. Our soldiers abroad have only a localized idea of the progress of the war.

The completion of a 5,000-ton standardized steel merchant ship in 76 days, which has just been accomplished in an American shipbuilding yard, gives fair warning to the German admiralty that the submarine campaign of throttling England is to be nullified. But even without the aid of government construction by the United States, England is almost holding her own now with the destruction being effected by the U-boats. The monthly loss in shipping is almost made up by the monthly construction of vessels. If Germany wins the decision in this war it will be by force of her military arm rather than by the slow process of throttling her great enemy out there in the sea many miles from the mainland. Von Tirpitz' day of distinction is passing; he is proven to be a poor prophet.

The state of New Hampshire is trying out a plan of censoring "drives" for war charities, much along the line of the suggestion made by The Times some time ago. It has been found that a number of subscription funds started on the basis of suffering incident to the war have not been well administered, to say the least, and New Hampshire is to try out the experiment of having the state committee on public safety examine the claims of the various funds before recommending to the public that support is deserved. In this way it is hoped to stop the undue drain on the people brought about by an appeal to their sympathies at a time when their hearts are particularly susceptible. The plan is likely to spread throughout the whole country because of the multiplicity of demands being made on the public purse by this, that and the other thing, which enter upon a campaign without revealing enough of the real purposes back of the undertaking. Let there be official approval of a plan of subscription, just as there is back of the Red Cross, the Red Triangle, etc.

British military experts profess the belief that the entente allies' forces on the western front (presumably meaning Italy, too) outnumber the Germans in



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spite of the diversion of German troops from the Russian front in large numbers. It is to be expected, too, that the stores of armament and munitions on the side of the entente allies must also surpass the supplies of the Germans because it has been several weeks since the allies have been shooting away vast quantities of munitions in one offensive drive. It will be recalled that the last great offensive was conducted by the British without the discharge of a single gun out of the ordinary daily routine of firing, the advance toward Cambrai having been made behind the tanks. The French have been conserving their munitions for months. On the other hand, the Germans have been using up vast stores in their attack in northern Italy and the Germans have been spending a considerable amount in their attempt to break the hold of the British on the Cambrai salient. Therefore, it is safe to say that the entente allies are at least on an even footing with the Germans on the western front, if not slightly better off. They give promise of being able to hold the line albeit there may be indentations at intervals.

### LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

After the newspapers of the country have maintained a strict silence as regards definite information of the size of the American expeditionary forces in France, after the editors have culled all the informative statements from soldiers' letters which escaped the eye of the censor, after they had restrained their papers from publishing news concerning the movement of troops in this country—after they had done all that with a marked spirit of co-operation, out comes

A. Mitchell Palmer, the custodian of enemy property in the United States, with the assertion in a speech at Oklahoma City that there are now 300,000 American troops in France. It is the very point which the government at Washington has endeavored to guard. If there has been one thing impressed upon the newspapers more than any other thing it has been that the newspapers should not publish any statement, or even guesses, as to the size of the American expeditionary forces. And the newspapers have guarded that point most carefully, only to have this official of the government come out with a positive statement concerning the number of soldiers already in France. Mr. Palmer's information may not be accurate—there may be more or there may be less troops in France than he asserts; but our enemies will accept the statement with some degree of assurance of its correctness because of Mr. Palmer's official position and his more or less close association with government officials. It would seem that that close association would have caused Mr. Palmer to censor his own statements a little more carefully; and yet he not only let loose a lot of talk about the size of the forces in France at the present time but he piled up his own mistake by telling just how many soldiers the United States will have in Europe in 1919 and how many in 1920 unless the war is concluded by the entente allies before that time. It would seem that Mr. Palmer is deserving of some slight rebuke at least.

WEBSTERVILLE.

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## THE CANNING CAMPAIGN, TOO

Had Much To Do with the Present Shortage of Sugar, Says Babst.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Partial blame for the sugar shortage was laid yesterday to the canning campaign by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining company, who testified at the sugar investigation.

Americans consumed 400,000 tons more in 1917 than the year previous, he said, and 200,000 tons of Cuban sugar usually coming to this country went abroad.

He described the situation with the adage, "You can't eat your cake and have it too."

"The demand as a result of the canning campaign was enormous," he said. "Instead of sugar being in sugar bowls it is in fruit jars."

Foundation for the shortage was laid while refiners held large stocks last February, he said, by sensational stories of a threatened famine and strikes caused by the Industrial Workers of the World. He did not say who he believed was responsible for the stories.

Consumers began to hoard, he said, and during the spring and summer demands upon the refiners were unprecedented. When consumers began to hoard, retailers raised prices, he said, but refiners did not increase prices correspondingly, as they did not desire to increase the alarm.

Added to the scarcity there came reports of a Cuban revolution and destruction of cane fields which stimulated the demand greatly, Babst said. Then after stocks became low there developed a difficulty in getting raw sugar, and when it was impossible to supply the eastern trade with cane sugar the car shortage prevented new beet sugar from being sent east.

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You may reverse the order of payments if you wish to do so.

You may start with \$1.00 the first week, and pay 2c less every week till the last payment will be 2 cents. You may start with \$2.50 the first week, and pay 5c less every week until the last payment is 5 cents.

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